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AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR LENINGRAD TDY PERSONNEL

REF: MOSCOW 12496

1. SOVIET EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICIAL ADVISED DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 4 THAT VISAS FOR THREE INDIVIDUALS BEING ASSIGNED
TO LENINGRAD ON TDY (COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS MATHEW
WALKAWICZ AND MAURICE DUNIGAN; AND C-B JOHN RUFINO) WOULD
BE ISSUED ONLY IN TWENTY-ONE DAYS. SOVIET OFFICIAL SAID
EMBASSY MOSCOW HOLDS VISAS FOR SAN FRANCISCO CONGEN FOR
THREE WEEKS AND THAT SOVIET ACTION REPRESENTED RECIPROCAL
TREATMENT. NO SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT ACTION WAS LINKED
TO DEPARTMENT'S REFUSAL AUTHORIZE VISAS FOR THREE PROPOSED
ADDITIONAL STAFFERS FOR SAN FRANCISCO CONGEN.

2. FOURTH TDY APPLICATION SUBMITTED TWO DAYS BEFORE
RUFFINO'S (THAT OF C-B W.S. CRANE III) NOT MENTIONED, BUT
VISA NOT ISSUED BY SEPTEMBER 8, STATED DATE OF DEPARTURE
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3. COMMENT: SOVIET REFUSAL ISSUE AYER VISA AND DELAYING
ACTION ON SUBJECT TDY REQUESTS SEEM INTENDED HIGHLIGHT

OUR VULNERABILITY TO RETALIATION. HOWEVER, APPARENT DECISION NOT TURN DOWN REQUESTS FOR RUFINO ET AL., SUGGESTS SOVIETS PROCEEDING WITH CAUTION. KISSINGER

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